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## Top Skills

Community Development  
Government  
Politics

# Clarissa Kornell

Person-Centered Licensed Professional Counselor with Some Public Sector Experience

Akron, Ohio, United States

## Summary

Community mental health counselor with experience in public sector and non-profit program development and leadership. Demonstrated ability to engage and motivate diverse audiences. Independent problem solver with proven ability to work in team settings. Graduated Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa and a Fulbright Scholar. Driven by an innovative spirit and unyielding determination to contribute to the greater good.

Specialties: Program creation and implementation, community outreach, community organizing

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## Experience

### CHC Addiction Services

Assessment Specialist

August 2022 - Present (1 year 1 month)

Akron, Ohio, United States

### Kent State University

Graduate Student, Clinical Mental Health Counseling

August 2018 - August 2022 (4 years 1 month)

Kent, Ohio, United States

Completed Master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, including two semesters of practicum and two semesters of internship.

### U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Executive Secretary

January 2021 - May 2021 (5 months)

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

### Do Good Institute, University of Maryland

Strategic Advisor

February 2017 - May 2018 (1 year 4 months)

College Park, Maryland

Partnership development, strategic planning, team building, executive support, research for ground-breaking social innovation, social impact and philanthropy higher education program.

## NASA - National Aeronautics and Space Administration

White House Liaison

September 2015 - January 2017 (1 year 5 months)

Washington, DC

Recruit and retain talent. Design and implement leadership development programming and events. Coordinate with leadership across NASA and the federal government, including the White House, to advance NASA and White House priorities through outreach and engagement activities.

## U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Deputy White House Liaison

January 2014 - September 2015 (1 year 9 months)

Washington, DC

Develop and implement processes to improve internal and external communications related to recruitment, interview, selection and on-boarding. Work with Cabinet-level Chief of Staff and agency leadership to align personnel resources with policy priorities. Negotiate, advocate and mediate with agency and White House leadership.

## United States Department of Defense

Defense Fellow

June 2013 - January 2014 (8 months)

The Pentagon

Conducted research, wrote briefing materials, coordinated communications, edited documents and reports. Worked in the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Readiness, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs (Readiness Team), and on the Secretary's Independent Review Team for the review of the Washington Navy Yard Shooting.

## The White House

Staff Assistant, Presidential Personnel

May 2011 - May 2013 (2 years 1 month)

The White House

## Ohio Treasurer of State

Community Education and Engagement Coordinator

March 2010 - January 2011 (11 months)

Develop and deliver programs to increase access to financial education in Ohio, specialization in faith-based and non-profit outreach and engagement;  
Coordinate the Ohio Commission on Personal Finance Education

## The Island School

Math Instructor

July 2009 - December 2009 (6 months)

Engaged 46 high school students in mathematics through use of Celestial Navigation curriculum, assisted with tiger shark research project involving the catching, tagging and release of live sharks, provided physical and mental support on 8-day, open water kayak trip, inspired 46 high school students on daily basis

## Obama for America

Field Organizer

June 2007 - November 2008 (1 year 6 months)

Developed programs and events to engage first-time/unlikely voters and recruit volunteers as field organizer and GOTV coordinator; specific experience with faith-based, Latino and youth organizing; worked in Iowa, Chicago, Las Vegas, Washington, Ohio, Mississippi, Puerto Rico, Virginia and Pennsylvania

## The Fulbright Program

Indonesia - English Teacher Assistant

August 2006 - June 2007 (11 months)

Surabaya Area, East Java, Indonesia

Created and implemented high school curriculum for English language learning and cultural exchange; Developed Bahasa Indonesia speaking and reading skills; informally studied Indonesian politics, history, culture and geography

## Amnesty International

Intern, Office on Latin America

June 2005 - August 2005 (3 months)

Conducted research regarding human rights issues in Latin America, monitored seven daily newspapers from four Latin American countries and the United States, drafted letters to public officials in the United States and abroad, drafted announcements and calls to action for AI members, represented office

at NGO and congressional meetings, prepared thorough briefings for Director and Executive Staff

### International Business-Government Counsellors

Intern

September 2004 - December 2004 (4 months)

Represented organization at US trade policy meetings, drafted weekly trade updates summarizing developments in trade policy, drafted letters to trade organizations and members of Congress on behalf of clients, monitored funding opportunities from World Bank and USAID, assisted with duty-suspension campaign

### Amigos de las Americas

Project Supervisor

June 2004 - August 2004 (3 months)

Supervised 8 volunteers in 3 rural Mexican communities, oversaw implementation of three community development projects, facilitated bi-lingual community meetings, established key public and private partnerships

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## Education

### Kent State University

Master's of Education in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Counseling · (2018 - 2021)

### Ohio University

BA, Political Science · (2002 - 2006)